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Statement by FMCS Director George H. Cohen On Allison Beck Appointment

WASHINGTON, DC— I am extremely pleased to announce the appointment of Allison Beck as Deputy Director with primary responsibility for National and International Programs, effective March 2, 2010.

Ms. Beck has had an outstanding career of major achievement in the field of labor-management relations. Most recently, from 1989 to 2009, she served as General Counsel of the International Machinists and Aerospace Workers, AFL-CIO after serving as Associate General Counsel from 1980 to 1989. In those positions, she helped develop bargaining initiatives and assisted in negotiations with major employers, she became well-versed in all aspects of labor and employment law and litigated cases in federal courts and before government labor agencies. In addition, she assisted in overseeing the administration of the IAM, developed budget and strategic plans and supervised the work of the IAM legal staff and its dozens of outside counsel.

Moreover, and perhaps more importantly, she shares my vision of an agency dedicated to proactively offering a variety of services all designed to improving the quality of labor-management relationships throughout our jurisdiction.

Prior to joining the IAM, Ms. Beck served as an appellate court attorney at the National Labor Relations Board and a legislative aide on employment issues to Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA) and the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare's Special Subcommittee on Human Resources. Ms. Beck graduated with honors from Goucher College and the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University. She has been a frequent speaker and trainer at American Bar Association meetings, labor conferences and other programs.

With respect to the FMCS organizational structure, I am also pleased to reconfirm that Scot Beckenbaugh will remain as Deputy Director with primary responsibility for Mediation Services and Field Operations and that Jack Buettner and Fran Leonard will remain integral parts of the national leadership team.

— George H. Cohen
Director